

Town of Egremont Massachusetts
Meeting of the Outdoor Recreation Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee Minutes:

Date: July 8, 2015
Start Time: 7:32pm
Place: Town Hall Egremont

Members present: Charles Flynn (Chairman), Karen Berger, Tom Gilbert, Helen Krancer
Member(s) absent: Tom Berkel
Also present were Richard Allen, Eileen Vining, Marj Wexler

Agenda of the meeting as provided by Chairman Flynn:

- Review and approve minutes of July 1st meeting
- Review revisions status of changes to date for all sections
- Review section 5.7.4 of the proposed bylaw, and 5.7.5 if time allows
- Prepare a brief for the planning board to keep them informed.

Meeting minutes of July 1st were unanimously approved.

A motion was made to modify grammar changes to section 5.7.1. The motion was unanimously approved.

Another motion was made to modify 5.7.1 (4), with 2 in favor and 2 opposed, so the motion was not approved.

Robert's Rules was discussed regarding protocol of making motions.

In response to debate about grammar and language that might need to be changed, for example ORD vs OD, or whether "bylaw" needed to be inserted in all reference to Outdoor Recreation District. Chairman Flynn reminded the committee that once the committee's bylaw is presented to the Board of Selectmen that the Select Board will plan to forward it to a Land Use Attorney. And that attorney will be asked to address these type of language changes where appropriate.

Discussion was made on how to handle receipt of emails that were sent to some, but not all committee members. As a follow up, discussion was raised about any emails or letters that were sent to all members, or emails or letters that might be received in the future. It was determined that they should be distributed to all members. Another question was also raised to ask if non committee members were allowed to comment, and then specifically why they were not asked to comment. Both Karen Berger and Chairman Flynn encouraged anyone attending our meetings to make comments where appropriate. It was agreed that going forward, that, assuming it does not become problematic, public comments will likely be part of future agendas.

Due to time required to address other concerns, time did not allow for planned agenda items that included to review 5.7.4, and prepare a document for the planning board. They will be included for our next meeting.

Agenda items for the next meeting will be:

- Review minutes of July 8th meeting
- Public comments
- Prepare a document to present to the planning board in preparation for a public hearing
- Review and discuss section 5.7.4

The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2015 at 7:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31
Submitted by Tom Gilbert, Recording Secretary